





## The Annexation Question.

It would be idle to seek to disguise the fact that the *Times*' article has had the effect of giving new life and vitality, if, indeed, it has not given new recruits, to the Annexation party of Victoria. Annexation may now be said to be rampant in this community. It no longer lurks in secret places or shuns publicity; but with firm step, erect mien and almost defiant air, it walks our streets at noonday. It is to be seen in the counting-house and the hotel, and may not unlikely strut its hour upon the public platform. Count of noses would scarcely be necessary, even if it were practicable. It is enough for our present purpose to know that, in numbers and in influence, the party is by no means contemptible. It may be said, and doubtless with much truth, that the Annexationists are for the most part American citizens who, having adopted this colony as their home, are naturally desirous that the institutions and the flag of fatherland should extend over it. But the party is not solely composed of such; and even if it were, one is still met by the question, If good for American citizens why not for others? Now, we would not wish to be misunderstood in regard to our position on this question. The *Times*' article has not in the slightest degree changed our views either in regard to the policy of the parent nation or the destiny of the colony; but it has tended to confirm our belief that the interests of British Columbia cannot longer remain a neglected toy in the hands of a Colonial Minister, and that Confederation in order to be must be immediate. We have never sought to conceal the conviction that the immediate destiny of this colony is either that of an important Province of a great and successful British American Empire, or a State of the powerful Republic. There is no 'happy medium' here. To plod along as the waiting part of a gradual whole we cannot. If the Dominion is to be at once abandoned by the parent Nation—left to work out its own salvation, without paternal sympathy or aid; if the overland railway is left to creep across the continent as lawyers are said to get to Heaven—to be built piecemeal, as it pays its way, it will never reach British Columbia; Confederation will never reach the golden strand of the Pacific; nay, more, Macaulay's New Zealand may yet be seen perched on a crumbling arch of London Bridge. Notwithstanding the fears of some and the hopes of others, we prefer to think that British power is not on the wane; that the nation will not blindly throw away the golden opportunity now presented on this continent; that it has a policy, and a very decided one too, in regard to British America in general, and British Columbia in particular; that it stands ready with both men and money to render Confederation a great and immediate success, such a success as will make our enterprising neighbors fairly dizzy; and that, as a Province of the Dominion of Canada thus pushed on to a glorious success, this colony would possess advantages both numerous and weighty which it could not reasonably hope to enjoy as one of the Territories of the United States on the Pacific. But, while such is our belief, it would ill become us to deny others the right to think otherwise, or to give public expression to their thoughts. Nay, the very admission that the destiny of this colony is absorption by the neighboring Republic, in the event of the failure of Confederation through the faithlessness of the parent nation, would seem to invite rather than repel discussion upon the consequences of such an alternative. But if, as the followers of the *Times* prefer to think, the Imperial Government really entertains the idea of bartering us away in liquidation of an international debt, every consideration of interest, of self-respect, would lead us to approach the question in a business spirit, force back the lump which the very thought of such base perfidy is calculated to raise in every loyal throat, and make the best terms we can with those to whom it is proposed to sell us like bond slaves. While very far from envying the faith, or rather the credulity of those who entertain this latter view of our situation and of Imperial intentions, yet we are greatly disposed to think that free discussion is not only proper, but may, if conducted in a becoming spirit, prove beneficial. It is, indeed, a poor cause that fears fair and free discussion. The Confederation cause has ever courted it. The Annexation cause appears to do the same; and whatever faults may be detected in the initiatory letter of its chosen champion, however innocent of argument that letter may be, however vulnerable the grounds, and fallacious the facts of the writer, it can at least claim the merit of open manliness. There is no dealing in anonymous insinuation. However weak in argument and free from logical deduction, it is, in this respect at least, worthy of imitation by those holding a different belief, and with whom loyalty and patriotism are something more than a loose garment to be cast aside at the first sight of glittering gold. Let the discussion be conducted in the same open way, and if the advantages promised by Confederation cannot stand a fair comparison with those attainable under Annexation, so much the worse for the former. But let us have argument. "Thine exquisite reason, Sir Knight." Let us have not only an open, manly, but a reasoning one. Let all mere personalities and abuse be carefully eliminated from the discussion; and if this be done, if it be pursued in a spirit of candid enquiry, and if our best men will only come forward and take part in it, we confidently anticipate the best results.

## Explanation of the Column of Magnetic Light.

Professor J D Steele has communicated the following to the *Advertiser*—There appeared in a paragraph—copied, I believe, from a Michigan paper—declaring that a column of magnetic light is shooting out from the sun at a prodigious speed—that it already reaches half way to the earth, and that in all probability by another summer we shall have celestial and atmospheric phenomena besides which our rudest Winter winds will seem like a 'June morning in Paradise.' In fine, that when this big tongue of fire touches the earth it will lap up our globe at one mouthful. Very many have made inquiries of me concerning this prodigy and, with your leave, I will try to satisfy their curiosity and perhaps allay their fears.

It has been known for some time that during a total eclipse red flames were seen to play about the edge of the moon. During the eclipses of 1868 and 1869 it was definitely settled that they were entirely disconnected from the moon, and were vast tongues of fire darting out from the sun's disc. By observations with the spectroscopic, and also by means of the wonderful photograph of the sun taken by De La Rue during the eclipse of 1869, it was discovered that these fire mountains consisted mainly of burning hydrogen gas. This was precious information to secure in the midst of the excitement and novelty, and in the very brief duration of a total eclipse. It did not however satisfy scientific men. For two years Mr Lockyer, aided by a grant from Parliament to construct a superior instrument, had been experimenting and searching in order to detect these flames at other times than at the rare occurrence of a total eclipse. On the 20th of October, 1868, he obtained a distinct image of one of the prominences which he afterwards traced entirely around the sun. Astronomers can therefore now study these flames at any time.

The results of observations now being taken show that storms rage upon the sun with a violence of which we can form no conception. Hurricanes sweep over its surface with terrific violence. Vast cyclones wrap its fires into whirlpools at the bottom of which our earth would lie like a boulder in a volcano. Huge flames dart out to enormous distances and fly over the sun with a greater speed than that of the earth itself through space. At one time a cone of fire shone out 80,000 miles and then died away, all in ten minutes time. Beside such awful convulsions the mimic display of a terrestrial volcano or earthquake sinks into insignificance.

There is nothing in these phenomena to alarm us. They have in all probability happened constantly for ages past. That we have now means for investigating their nature, and measuring their height and velocity furnishes no cause for anxiety. Rumors of these discoveries have crept into the papers, and, exaggerated by repeated copying and sensational additions, have given rise to these mysterious and uncalled-for predictions.

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Tobacco—Atlantic Cable & Cavendish

Nails—Horseshoe, Griffin's G

Oils—Linseed, Galipoli and Colza

Paints & White Lead—A large quantity

Leather—English Sole & French Calf

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Whiskey—Jamieson's Irish

Wine—Superior Old Port and Sherry, in bulk and case

Wine—Ordinary, in bulk and case

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of Corporation of City of Victoria for Year ending 7th November, 1869.

RECEIPTS.

Balance of cash at 7th Nov., 1868.....\$ 200 19

Real Estate Latr..... 4 231 71

Fire Insurance Rate..... 1 153 33

Archer's Account..... 16 20

Rentals Account..... 18 09

Dog Rate Account..... 2 647 50

Horse Rate..... 152 60

Read Tax..... 1 197 00

Figuard & Blanchard's grading account, amt received from property-owners..... 145 00

Yates at Submerged Drain account, amt rec'd from property-owners..... 125 00

Comorant at Grading account, amt received from property-owners..... 100 00

Total.....\$10,010 73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Bank of British North America, amt by which Bal in Bank has been increased during year.....\$1,019 26

Interest Account, amount of interest paid on overdraft..... 64 89

Donation Account, amt paid to Figureine Co No. 2, as a donation for their steam fire eng..... 160 00

Legal Expenses Acct, paid for legal advice..... 145 00

Street Repairs Acct, paid for macadamizing and repaving street..... 2,677 49

View Street Drain Acct, amt paid on this acct Johnson at Ravine Sewerage Acct, amt paid on this account..... 23 87

Victoria Fire Dept's, paid Insurance rate collected.....\$947 78

Fire rate..... 150 00 1,097 78

Blanchard at Grading & Graveling Acct, amount paid on the account..... 182 70

Blanchard at Culvert, amt paid on this acct..... 60 00

Sanitary Com's Acct, amt paid on this acct..... 125 00

AMOUNTS PAID ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

Local Board of Education..... 21 50

Water Works Surveying Acct..... 75 00

Figuard & Blanchard at Grading Acct..... 170 00

Fandora at Grading Acct..... 470 00

Fire Claret Repairs Acct..... 101 00

Douglas at Grading Acct..... 101 00

Street Repairs Acct..... 40 00

New Bridge, James Bay..... 115 00

Yates at Submerged Drain..... 115 00

Flag Staff Acct..... 144 00

Corporation at Contract..... 60 00

Cash paid on sundry outstanding accounts..... 130 00

Cash paid on sundry accounts..... 343 80



# THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Friday Morning, Jan. 28, 1870.

## Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

### ENTERED.

Jan 27—Stm Emma, Bitterbank, Nanaimo  
CLEARED.  
Jan 27—Stm Ocean Queen, Dwyer, San Juan

### Auction Sales To-day.

LUMLEY FRANKLIN.—Yates street.—Will sell 11 o'clock, on the premises, corner of Fort and Broad streets, all that desirable property known as the Bee Hive Hotel, together with the Furniture, Billiard Tables, Stoves of Wines and Liquors, Cooking Utensils, Pictures, Glassware, &c., &c.

QARIBOO NEWS to the 8th inst. has come to hand by Barnard's Express. The Diller, Chips, Cariboo and Lillooet claims were working, but as the shafts and drifts required to be cleared and repaired, the results will not be known for some time. The Ballarat drain was being rapidly pushed forward to completion, and the pay will be reached by the spring. Several accidents have occurred. Mr Poole lost two fine animals from exhaustion while diving through the snow near Jack of Clubs Creek; and R Anderson, a miner in Diller & Co.'s claim, slipped from a rope whilst being lowered down a shaft and received a serious contusion on the head. About three-fourths of the William Creek miners will leave for Peace River in the Spring. The room of Mr Sterling was entered and robbed of \$500.

MADAME ANNA BISHOP.—This fine vocalist and extraordinary woman is now in New York applying for a divorce from her second husband, Baron Schulz. The Madame was married to Sir Henry Bishop, the well-known English composer, and father of Mrs Wakeford—whose husband was Governor Kennedy's Private Secretary—some 24 years ago. The Madame was seen and admired by the Baron and 'botted' with him one night to the continent. Sir Henry obtained a divorce, and the Madame soon found to her sorrow that her new love was a poor man; she accordingly resorted to the stage to support both. The pair were married, we think, in Australia; and it would appear, from the proceedings just instituted, that their relations have not been of the most agreeable character.

BENEFIT OF MISS LOUISE ARNOT.—This accomplished young actress, who for several evenings past has delighted our citizens at the Theatre, will take a benefit this evening. Miss Arnot has few equals, certainly no superior, on the American stage. Her versatility, thoroughness and bonhomie, have rendered her a wonderful favorite. For this occasion Mrs Jenny Arnot Fowles will make her last appearance in Victoria. The piece selected is the 'Lady of Lyons'—Miss Arnot as Claude, and Mrs Fowles as Pauline, which will be followed by a song, 'Capt Jinks,' and dance by the beneficiary.

FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer Sir James Douglas, Capt Clarke, with a few passengers, arrived last evening, and reports the ship Shooting Star, for San Francisco, nearly ready for sea. The Douglas brought 30 tons of coal for the light-house. On Saturday evening the Rev W Aitken delivered a lecture to the Literary Institute on the subject of 'The Vastness and Age of the Material Universe.' The attendance was good, and the financial results in the interest of the Institute were satisfactory. On the 26th Mr Dunsmuir commenced excavations in his recently discovered coal seam. Only a small force of five men are at work for the present.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise, Capt Pamphlet, returned from New Westminster at 4 1/2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, bringing 32 passengers, a Cariboo express and mail and about \$41,000 in treasure. A boy, belonging to the ship Nation's Hope, was brought down for medical treatment. Among those on board were Hons Carrall and Busby, John Wark, W L Thwing, J Mann and S P Moody. The ship Nation's Hope, laden for Australia, was seen by the Enterprise yesterday in the gulf, towed by the steamer Isabel.

ALCOHOLIC RHEUMATISM has been discovered and defined in London. It is a complaint resulting from the too general use of alcoholic beverages; the marked effect is slow and rarely ever developed except after middle life; it causes stupidity, stiffness in the body, hobbling gait, and ultimate lameness and palsy. The cure lies mainly in gradual and then total abstinence from the use of all fermented alcoholic drinks and taking vigorous exercise in the open air.

BEE-HIVE SALE THIS MORNING.—We have been requested by the auctioneer, Mr Franklin, to state that he will sell the property—that is the real estate portion of the Bee Hive—as the first lot, at 11 o'clock this morning, in order to afford the purchaser, should he so desire it, the opportunity of buying the well appointed furniture, billiard table, engravings, and other desirable effects that are to be disposed of afterwards. A large attendance is anticipated.

THE QUARTZ MILL READY FOR WORK.—Mr J H Todd, Secretary of the Pioneer Quartz Mill and Mining Company of Cariboo, announces that the company are now prepared to receive quartz at their mill and crush it on the following terms:—For one single ton, \$50. Over one and up to three tons, \$40 per ton. Three tons and up to seven, \$35 per ton, and upward, \$25 per ton. The ton is all cases to be 2000 lbs. The mill is said to work satisfactorily.

THE Cariboo passengers and express were brought from Yale to New Westminster in a canoe. The river was frozen in places and four portages over the ice had to be made at considerable risk to life. Some \$25,000 in treasure was left behind at Yale. The sufferings of the passengers are said to have been acute during the five days consumed in the trip.

ECLIPSE.—There will be an eclipse of the sun on the 31st inst., visible only in regions within 30 degrees of the South Pole. The next eclipse visible in this latitude will be a partial one of the moon on January 6th, 1871.

THE ship Kitty Coburn has sailed from San Francisco to load with lumber at Moody's Mills for Colliar.

COUNTY COURT.—The County Court will meet on Tuesday next, when the Pound case of Williams vs Wren will be tried.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Miss Arnot appeared last evening as 'William' in the celebrated nautical drama of 'Black Eyed Susan,' and achieved another victory—it being generally admitted that she impersonated the character to perfection. She was well supported by the company, especially by Mrs Carter and Messrs Morrison, Ellerton and Robinson. Two attractive features in the piece were Miss Arnot's horripole and the dancing of the infant Louise, her daughter, both of which were vociferously applauded. Considering that iron-clads have sadly damaged the glorious sentiments of this glorious old play, Miss Arnot, for a short time, gave it new life and rendered herself still more popular with our people. The evening's entertainment concluded with the 'Eton Boy,' in which it was hard to tell who performed best, Miss Arnot, Ellerton or Robinson, for together they kept the house in roars of laughter. At the conclusion, Mr Morrison, [whose impersonation of Fanny as Captain Popham, to cheat Dabster, was admirable] was loudly called before the curtain. We are glad to find that Mr Ellerton, the popular actor, takes a prominent part in Miss Arnot's benefit to-night.

CORRECTION.—A paragraph appeared in the Evening News of the 19th in which it was stated that Capt Freeman of the American steamer Newbern was 'very much disgusted with the coal company at Nanaimo for the manner they treated him while there,' that 'they kept him waiting for four days for his coal,' and that he said he would not in future bring an English mail here. We have been requested by a Nanaimo correspondent to contradict this statement. The Newbern arrived at Nanaimo on Saturday and was kept waiting till Monday morning and no longer!

BOAT RACE.—A race between the Golden Arrow, of New Westminster, and a Burrard Inlet boat, for \$50 aside, came off on Wednesday and was won by the former by ten lengths.

AN OFFERT.—The Russian tea-merchants are moving for a railroad across Siberia to China, to offset the Suez Canal. The distance is about one thousand miles across a level but very cold country.

It has been decided that the rank of cornet and ensign shall be abolished, and these grades will, accordingly disappear from the Army List at the commencement of the next financial year.

JUDAS COX, we learn, has secured a partner with \$10,000 in California, and is about to embark in the hotel line near San Francisco. The partner is a former Cariboo miner.

THE annual general meeting of the Spring Ridge Water Works Company will be held on the 1st instant at the Company's Office.

THE Newfoundland legislature meets February 3d. Two of the late defeated candidates, Connolly and Piusent, have been made Legislative Councillors.

FOLLOWING the example of an elder brother, a son of the Duke of Argyll is about to become a member of a Liverpool firm of cotton brokers.

THE bark Delaware, Hornsby master, from Moody's mill, laden with lumber for Guaymas, Mexico, is at anchor in the outer harbor.

THE Widow's Garden is Despoiled by another Widow's Goats.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—Last night two goats broke into my garden and destroyed the fruit trees and bushes, besides demolishing my winter stock of vegetables. Have I the right to shoot them?

WIDOW.  
January 26th, 1869.

[You have, but why destroy the goats and spare the obstructive Councillors?]

Annexation v. Confederation.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—Under this head I see that your correspondent Mr J D Pemberton has been kindly favored with a column and a half of your valuable journal. I could wish that, taking advantage of the freedom of discussion which his quotation from the Times newspaper seems to allow him, he had given us some arguments in favor of annexation, instead of endeavoring to promulgate vague hints that confederation might be our probable ruin. I see further, sir, that you do not deny your columns to free and fair discussion, and my object in writing this letter is to invite Mr Pemberton or some other champion of annexation to 'come out' and show us how such a great change of flag and allegiance would affect us. It would indeed be wasteful of time if not suicidal to consider any change which would be entirely destructive of our vital interests in this country, and for this reason, as an inhabitant of British Columbia, I have refrained from giving very much consideration to annexation. I cannot find fault with my American friends and fellow-citizens for differing with me upon this question, for they are nearly all believers in the Monroe doctrine, and their arguments are apt to be tinged with prejudice and patriotism to the land of their nativity. But there is another (limited) class in this community—purely, exclusively and intensely English—of whom Mr Pemberton, though an Irishman, may justly be said to be a representative, who oppose confederation and undoubtedly espouse annexation—perhaps by way of a little quiet finance—and who I feel persuaded have not yet and truly considered what the real results of such a change to this country would be—or if they have, it has been in such a quiet way that the public has never had the benefit of their deliberations. It is to this class, of which Mr Pemberton is at once the type and the champion, I would appeal, and while joining with him heartily in the rights and good policy of perfect freedom of discussion, I will ask him to think calmly, prophesically, maturely, and tell us how he and other farmers, who every body—in fact, how this country generally speaking would profit by annexation, supposing it to be within our grasp, if wished for. To commence with the pith of his communication: Mr Pemberton would indeed find it hard to prove that Great Britain has held this colony at a loss for twenty years or that she has abandoned the idea of keeping a naval station here on account of having no commercial interests to protect and the difficulty of retaining sailors in a gold country. What are the facts?

Great Britain has never given us anything except officials whose salaries we have always paid, and as to the fleet, though there were rumors last year that Mr Childers, in carrying out his scheme of economy would break up the dockyard and reduce the number of our ships to a gunboat, we have actually had more ships than at any previous period of our Colonial history. We are in daily expectation of a new Admiral with his flag-ship and in a month or so, of being greeted by the magnificent flying squadron now on the way to this port. But on the other hand, what kind of a naval station should we have under the Stars and Stripes? Uncle Sam don't believe in expensive ships and scattered naval stations in time of peace, and it is not likely that our influence under the white-washing system would be great enough to bring what little they have in this way at Mare Island up to Esquimalt. No, Mr Editor—annexation would from the very first destroy 'all hope' of ever having in Esquimalt the presence of a navy. His views upon railways, and Imperial guarantees I consider have been ably answered in your leader of the same date. But what railway system should we have under annexation? The Central Pacific Railroad has already brought enough influence at Washington to defeat the prosecution of the Northern railway project—a road which, by the way, was really intended to pass, notwithstanding what Mr Pemberton says to the contrary, 'through an uninhabited country with some population at one end and none at the other.' Could we, as a small and poor American community, ever hope to effect a change or build a rival road to those our cousins now have in existence or prospect? Under these circumstances I think no one can have a doubt but that annexation would effectually prevent any railway system for the development of this country for years and years to come. We do not want a railway merely to connect us with Canada. We want our immense and rich country opened up. We want the great fertile belt occupied and cultivated. We want people to make their way from the East to the West and fill the magnificent gap between. We want our mineral lands opened up and more thoroughly explored. We want population and what always accompanies it, capital. And lastly, we wish to have the depot upon the natural great high road from England to India. The Canadian Overland Road will enable us to realize all our wants in this way, but annexation of this colony alone would utterly destroy all hope of such a thing for a century.

It is absurd to urge as an argument in favor of annexation that this place is isolated and defenceless, and that a few thousand people from San Francisco could be landed who would take the place. The United States are not going to have war with England—it would not pay' and they as well as we, have too much at stake ever to risk such a contingency. Besides, if this theory were correct, scarcely a town in the world other than some impregnable fortress, [which we do not find now-a-days] has a right to claim, with a view of retaining, any particular allegiance. And supposing this to be an American town, what is to hinder a British man-of-war knocking us into 'smithereens.' It is quite in keeping with the proverb of England to suppose that in case of war she would command supremacy upon the North Pacific as well as upon every other sea—and wherefore then the benefits of annexation so far as our defenceless condition is concerned?

Pursuing his letter further, Mr Pemberton grants that one of the essential points you urge among the terms for confederation, viz, Responsible Government, 'may be readily granted'—and he proceeds to tell us what we would have to discuss, other than commercial tariff, &c., which are placed beyond our reach. Let us see what we would have under annexation: All our Customs revenues, which would be more than doubled under the American tariff, would go to Washington. Besides our tariffs, &c., there are many 'internal revenue taxes' we would have to contribute to swell the national treasury fund—making our taxation very much more than it is at present, or than it would be under confederation; and what would we get in return? There are no magnificent trunk roads either in Washington Territory or Oregon, as we have in British Columbia or Vancouver Island, and I think I may safely add that there is no territory in the Union which can boast of the local improvements or the sound security to life and property enjoyed under the administration of good British constitutional law, of which we are justly so proud—and although we might have left for discussion only 'the holes in the Spanish road or the appointment of a poundkeeper,' under annexation, I very much doubt if we should know enough of our position to secure these objects.

I believe Mr Pemberton is one of the great representatives of the agricultural interests in Vancouver Island. I will do him the credit to say that much of the protection of home and the exclusion of foreign produce are due to his efforts. But what will become of him under annexation, when he has the farmers of Washington Territory, of Oregon and of California to contend with, upon equal ground and without favor? The removal of duty upon our coal and lumber [which may be obtained through Reciprocity] might aid much in developing these resources, but not to any very great extent when you consider the profit which could be made upon these articles by either British or American capitalists now, were the demand on this coast sufficient to justify the outlay. We have many English importers of goods here, who supply our neighbors—a trade which forms no inconsiderable source of profit, even under our present commercial restrictions, but one which would be entirely destroyed, under annexation. There are many amongst us who believe that this great change would have a temporary effect in raising the value of real estate, enabling them to realize a handsome profit upon it, and leave the country; that the goods on hand now would become American [as at Sitka] without paying the high American tariff and consequently much more valuable to the holders, but I have yet to meet the man who thinks and can prove annexation to be a permanent benefit to this country, or that Victoria would surpass in magnitude, importance or permanency any of her sister American towns with which she is neighbor, under such a change.

Her present, at least, would depart with Her Majesty's fleet, and her present commercial importance and prospects, whatever they may be, would be smothered by the American tariff. If the agricultural prospects of the Island lie now, they would be utterly destroyed then, and if it be important to have 'our eyes about us' in considering the question of Confederation under the same banner which now shields us in its protecting folds—how necessary before bidding adieu to our household gods and allegiance, to avoid the position of Sterne's 'Starling' in the cage,

singing 'We can't get out! we can't get out!' when, of our own free will and accord and without a proper regard of the consequences we think of a peaceful union with the American Republic.

I. W. POWELL.

## Commercial Relations with the States.

In an article on reciprocal trade between Canada and the United States, the Buffalo Courier says:

'Our political relations with Canada are usually brought forward when commerce with her is discussed, as a reason why we should place impediments in our trade with her; but if the trade is undesirable under our present relations it would remain undesirable under any other. Many who freely admit that the trade would be valuable to both parties, imagine that we ought to refuse it, that we may thus coerce or bribe the Dominion to enter the Union. The plain way of looking at this part of the case is the best. Do we increase the desire of any one for an increase of intimate relations with us, by a repeal of intercourse and neighborly offices. Would the State of Maine or New York, or any other be influenced by any such consideration to unite itself to a foreign government? In such an act as this, the Canadians are very much like ourselves.'

'There are a few Canadians, said to be representatives of the old Canadian French rebel element with perhaps two or three of the Anglo-Saxon race, who are said to be diffusing the shallow belief that trade with Canada will defeat the hopes of annexation, and that non-intercourse would lead to an early demand for union with us. This is not a new theory—and the further time has progressed since it was started the more remote does this realization seem to be. Annexation is something that should be sought from us, for it is to be valuable to us and is of very little value and a very poor source of pride and satisfaction if it comes from any kind of coercion.'

'One of the very few Canadian volunteers in favor of annexation gives us the following woeful picture of Canadian distress, in which he seems to rejoice gleefully and luxuriously. He says:

'You know that business is at a standstill—that being deprived of a market by the repeal of the reciprocity treaty, our commerce is entirely broken down—that we are producing less than one-half what we have to pay for our importations—that emigration is going on at a fearful rate—that the past summer one-fifth of our cultivable lands did not give any crops for the want of hands to till them, and that our list of insolvents is longer than that of the whole northern and western states together.'

'It need not surprise any one that those who rejoice in such a state of affairs as Mr. Aubin depicts do not see that he is endeavoring to play the part of such a secessionist as we all condemn when our own country is the object of such attacks. He professes to believe that reciprocity would turn all this distress among his own countrymen to prosperity, and yet he does his utmost in opposing the beneficial change.'

'But let us examine his statement. By the latest authentic records, the exports of Canada instead of being less than one-half of the importations, were nearly six-sevenths or as 57 to 71—and considering that Canada might expect to be paid more abroad for her productions than they were worth at home, that a considerable amount of European capital is every year, with advantage to Canada, finding its way there, and that a considerable amount of the goods imported into the Dominion are unsold for use on this side of the line—the exhibit is not a bad one. A shrewd observer might travel a long time through Canada without discovering any of those symptoms of distress which answer the purpose of Mr. Aubin's argument.'

'The breadstuffs and other agricultural productions of Canada find the same market as the surplus of our own, at the same prices. No doubt 60 or 75 cents is a poor price for Canadian wheat, but the farmers in many of our best wheat producing states have to take less. Their lumber and their products in general have usually brought higher prices since the reciprocity treaty was repealed, than before.'

'If annexation is the only object to be accomplished, it is not only a commercial but a friendly feeling and liberal commercial intercourse should be cultivated with it. Certainly such a course would not only be the best financial policy, but would begin at once to bring its own reward in promoting our national industry, and putting money into the pockets of the citizens of Buffalo.'

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**NOTICE.**  
**THE UNDERSIGNED, W. C. BRYANT,** has admitted ABRAHAM YEAKHA into partnership with him in the business of Farrier and Horseshoer. The partners will in future be carried on under the name and style of Bryant & Yearxa.

With reference to the above, Bryant & Yearxa, Farriers and Horseshoers, request a continuance of the patronage of their friends and the public, at the old stand next to Williams & Livery Stable.

**Dissolution of Partnership.**  
**THE UNDERSIGNED, HERBERT GIVE,** notice, that the partnership existing between Frank Sell and F. Volkman, as Saloon keepers, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business in future will be carried on by Frank Sell alone, who will receive all the debt due the late firm and discharge all liabilities.

**CAUTION.**  
**ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY CAUTIONED** against selling, buying or removing any of the wood belonging to Henry Toothill and George Sell, on the several lots numbered 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826,